

Dear Senator Ervin:

Please let me simply express my deep gratification and respect for the position you took on "preventive detention" in the Senate on the 16th.

May I note that there are many technological possibilities for maintaining whatever degree of surveillance may be necessary for individuals on bail without going to punishment before due process. Some of these are hinted at (but can be easily imagined by following the reasoning) in the attached article.

The main point is that we decide that it is vital to make a substantial investment to protect Constitutional rights of citizens who are indeed innocent until convicted.

Yours cordially,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joshua Lederberg". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a prominent initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

*Joshua Lederberg*